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REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN HUNGARY

[The following is a comprehensive summary of Decree No 3, published 18 January 1953, of the Hungarian Council of Ministers on the registration of voters.]

All citizens who completed their 18th year on or before 1 January 1953 will be included in the register of voters (hereinafter register), excepting persons: (1) sentenced to the loss of civil rights, (2) serving a prison sentence for felony, (3) under police arrest or surveillance, or (4) declared insane.

The register will be prepared by the executive committees of the city (city district) and town councils (hereinafter executive committees). Registration of citizens residing abroad with valid passports will be the joint responsibility of the Ministers of the Interior and of Foreign Affairs. The regulations pertaining to registration will be announced by the executive committees by wall posters and other means by 1 February 1953.

The register will be prepared on the basis of registration blanks which will be collected by the recorders (osszeirobztosok) against receipts by 7 February 1953. In the case of a voter with a physical handicap, a member of the family or a neighbor is authorized to execute the registration blank.

A temporary register will be prepared for each voting ward (szavazokor) separately. In the cities, the register will be further broken down according to streets and houses.

Each voter will be included only in the register of the place where he resides.

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On the basis of the registration blanks, the executive committees will determine the persons to be excluded from the register and will state the reason therefor on the registration blank. After the registration blanks have been reviewed, these persons will be grouped according to approved and disapproved voters. The temporary register will be publicly displayed in the offices of the executive committees.

All persons excluded from the register have the right to object, if the exclusion contravenes the provisions of the present decree. Objection may also be raised by anyone against the inclusion of a person in the register contrary to the provisions of this decree. In either case, the appropriate executive committee must be notified of the objection orally or in writing between 23 February and 5 March 1953. On request, the receipt of the objection will be confirmed in writing.

If the executive committee establishes that the exclusion from the register was contrary to the present decree, the person in question will be included in a supplementary register. All such objections which the executive committee considers unjustified, together with objections against the inclusion of certain persons in the register, will be transmitted, on the day when received, to the appropriate jaras court. The jaras court will hold a trial, to which both the objector and the person against whom the objection was raised will be summoned, and will render a final decision within 3 days. If the court finds the objection justified, it will order the correction of the register.

The executive committees will prepare permanent registers, on the basis of the temporary and supplementary registers and of the court decisions, by 23 March 1953.

Any act designed to include in, or exclude from, the register a person in contravention of the provisions of the present decree is a felony punishable by imprisonment not exceeding 3 years.

[Samples of the following documents are appended to the text of the decree: (1) registration blank, (2) register of voters, (3) list of persons objecting to their exclusion from the register, and (4) list of those objecting to the inclusion of certain persons in the register, together with list of the latter.]

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